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TRANSFORMERS: THE WAR WITHIN...

THE FALLEN, a mysterious TRANSFORMER from CYBERTRON's distant past, has returned, recruiting the services of BLUDGEON, MINDWIPE and BUGLY. They begin to turn up the heat, agitating a civil war that has (since the loss of OPTIMUS PRIME and MEGATRON) divided into disparate factions, including the Wreckers and the Ultracons, who clash in the disputed region known as the Tagan Heights. Ultracon leader, RATBAT, unleashes his secret weapon, DEVASTATOR, only for another giant, combined robot, DEFENSOR, to enter the fray...

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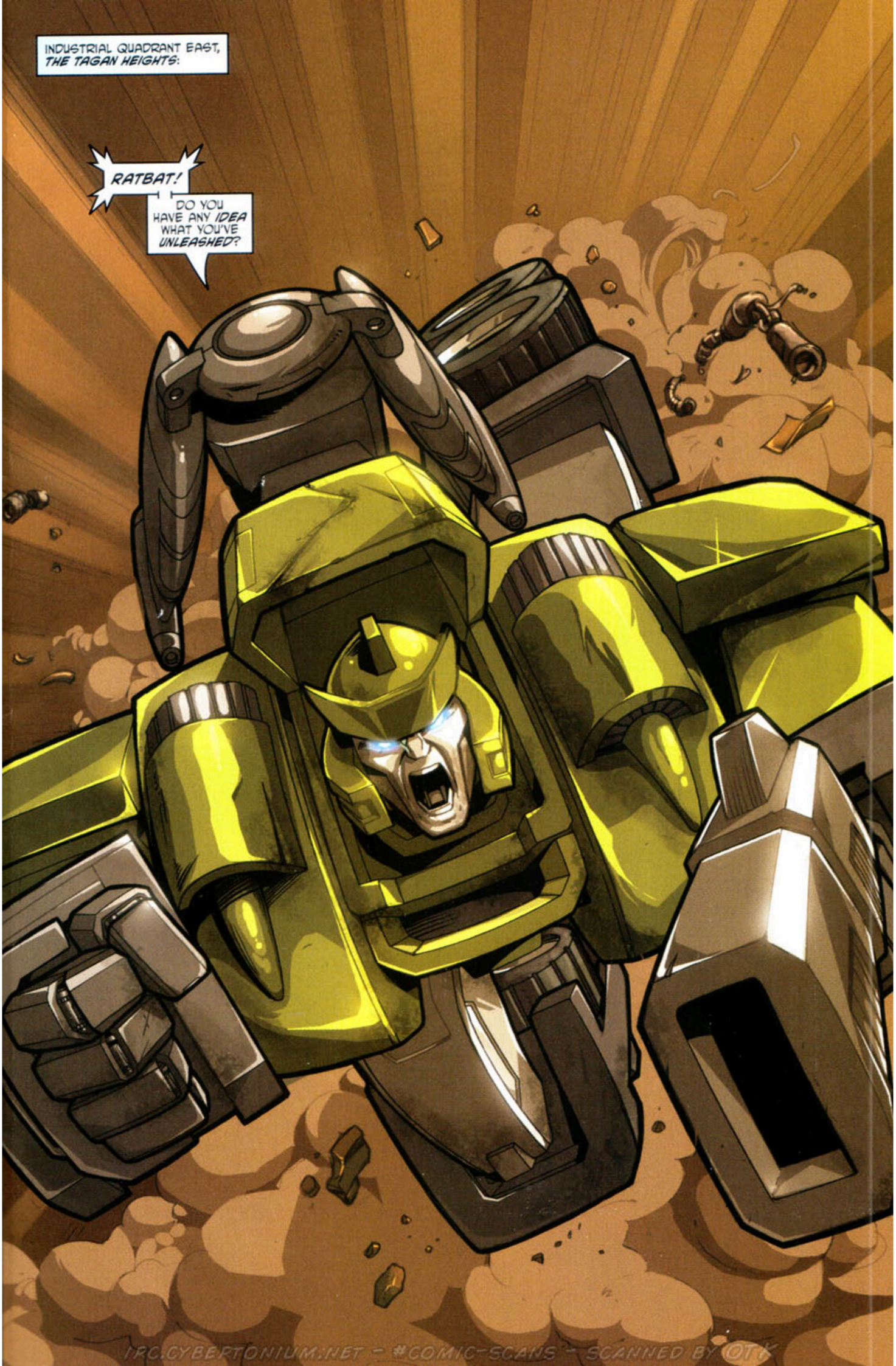

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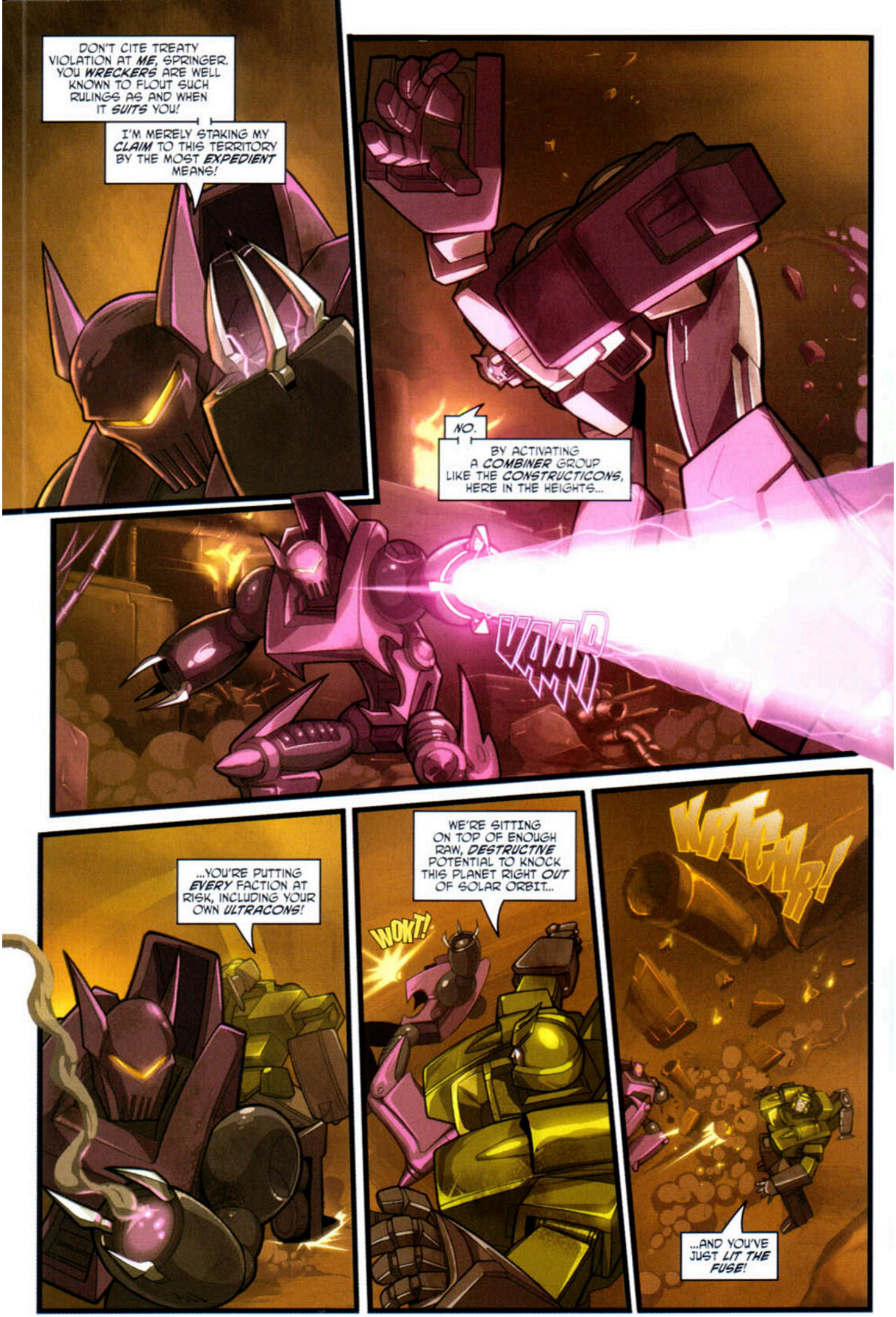

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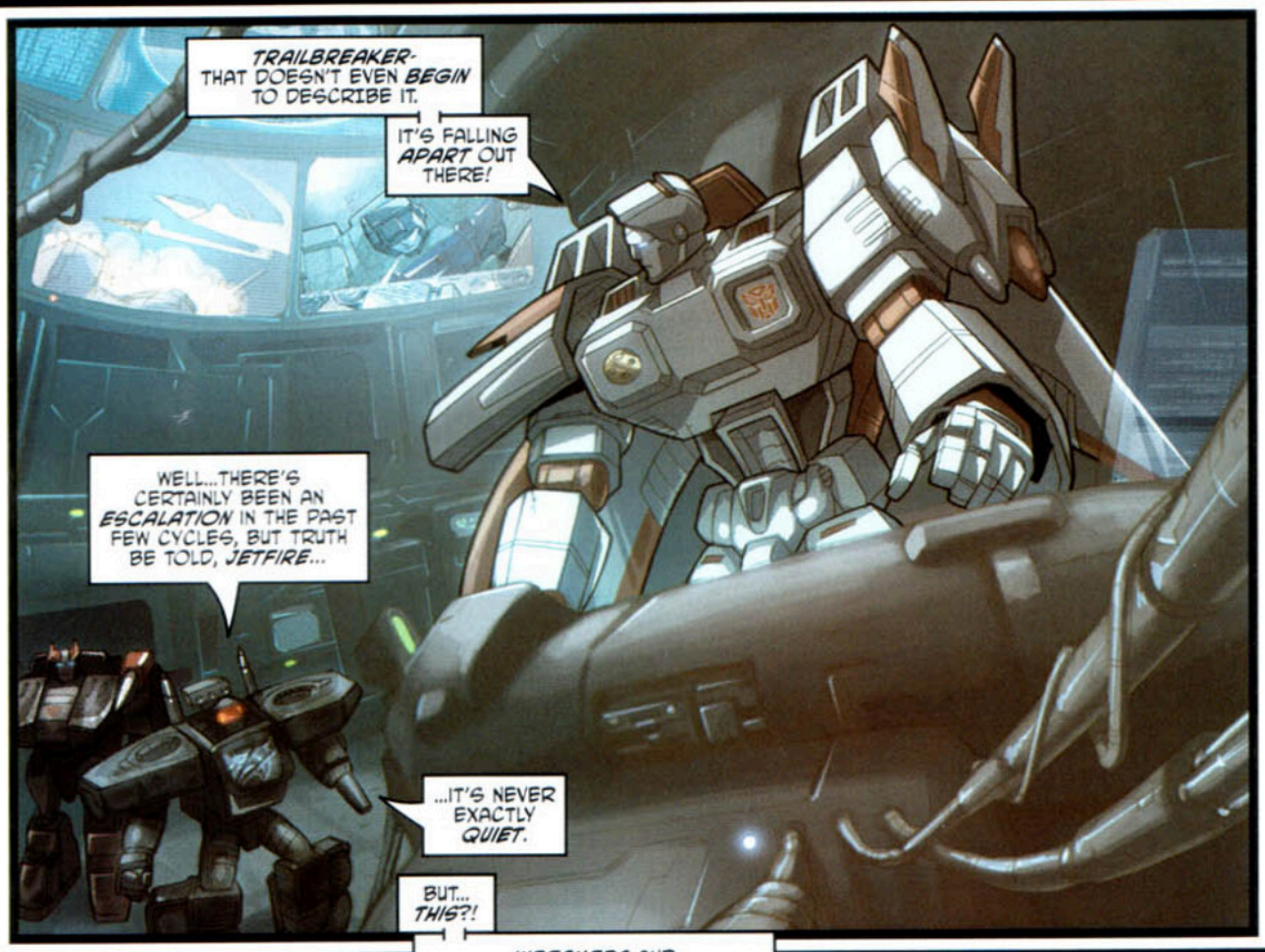

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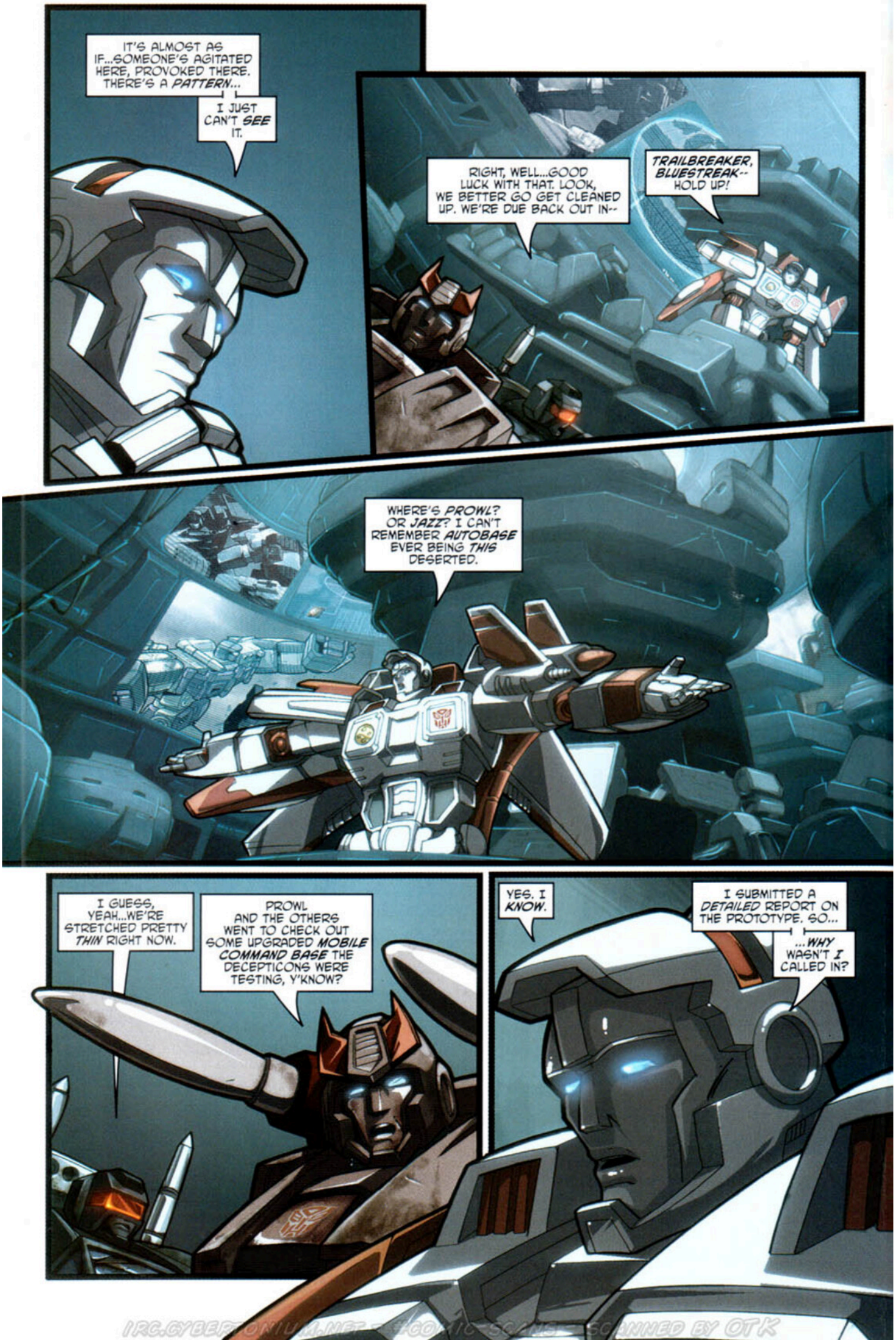

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IACON, THE *BORDER REGIONS*:

THIS IS IT, AUTOBOTS. BEYOND THE *PREDIGEON ARCH*...

...AND WE'RE ONTO THE *TYGUN SPAN*.

NEXT STOP *NOVA CRONUM*.

YEAH, AND WHO KNOWS *WHAT'S* WAITING FOR US IN THERE!

SINCE THE DECEPTICON *PURGE* OF *ANO-CYCLE 6-1-1*, IT'S PRETTY MUCH BEEN A GHOST-STATE.

PERFECT PLACE TO ROAD TEST A NEW SUPER-WEAPON, I'D SAY. NO PRYING EYES.

JAZZ, SIDESWIPE, SKIDS, CLIFFJUMPER, GEARS...

...LET'S *ROLL OUT*.

SENSORS ON MAXIMUM. IF ANYTHING'S STILL *MOVING* OUT HERE...I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

DEPENDS WHAT *'IT'* IS.

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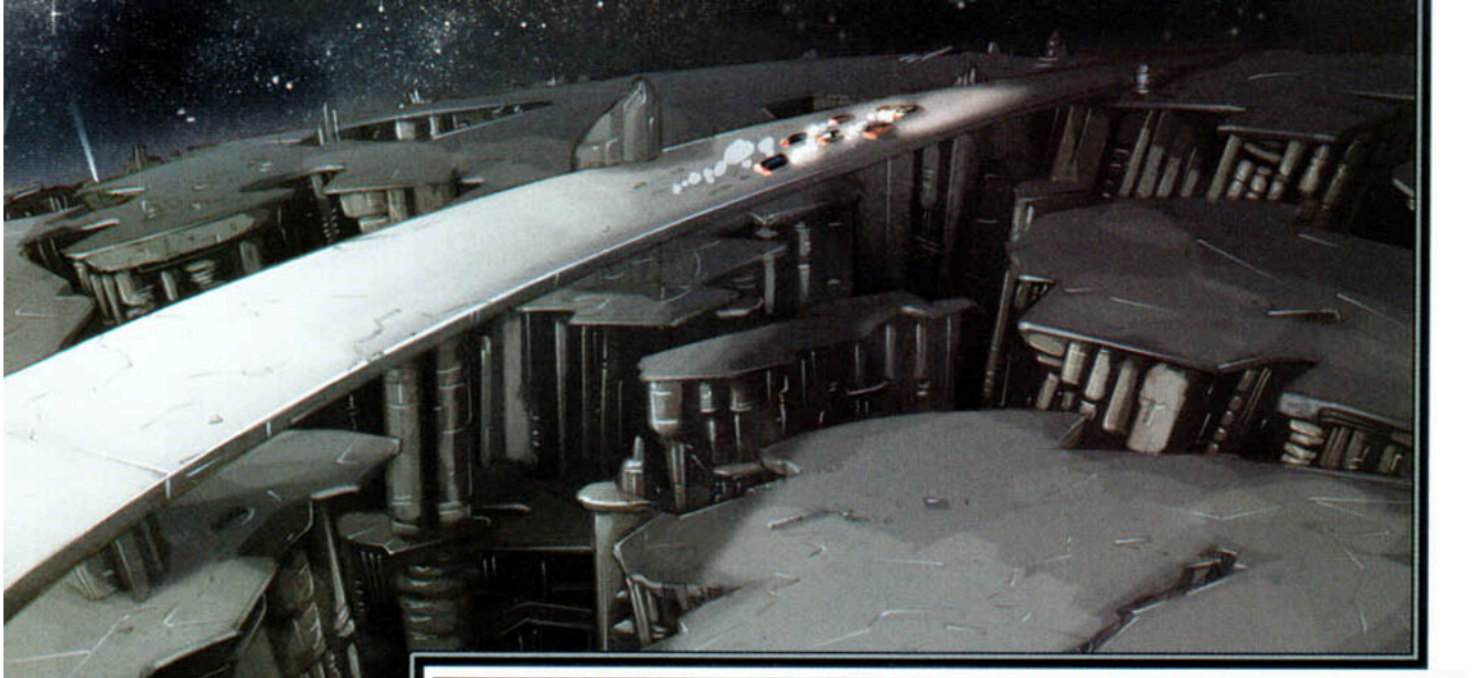

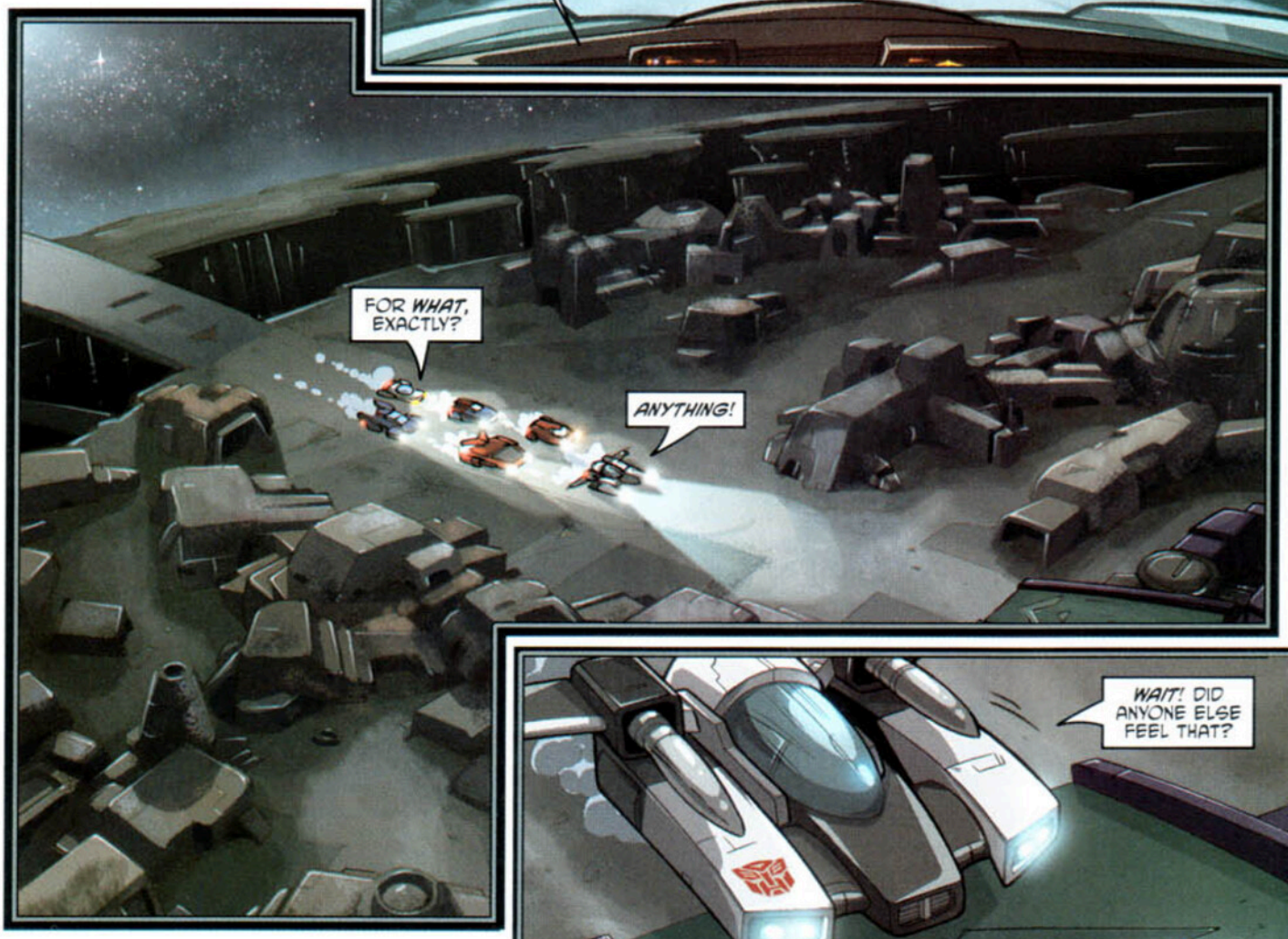

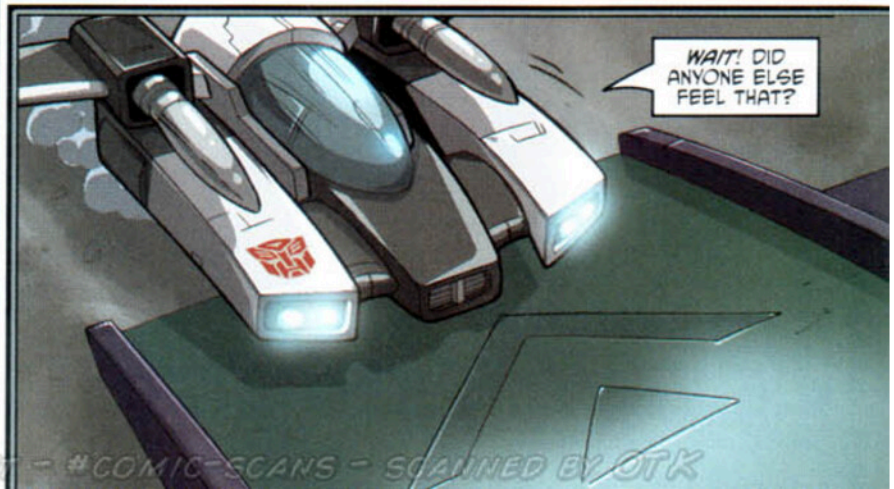

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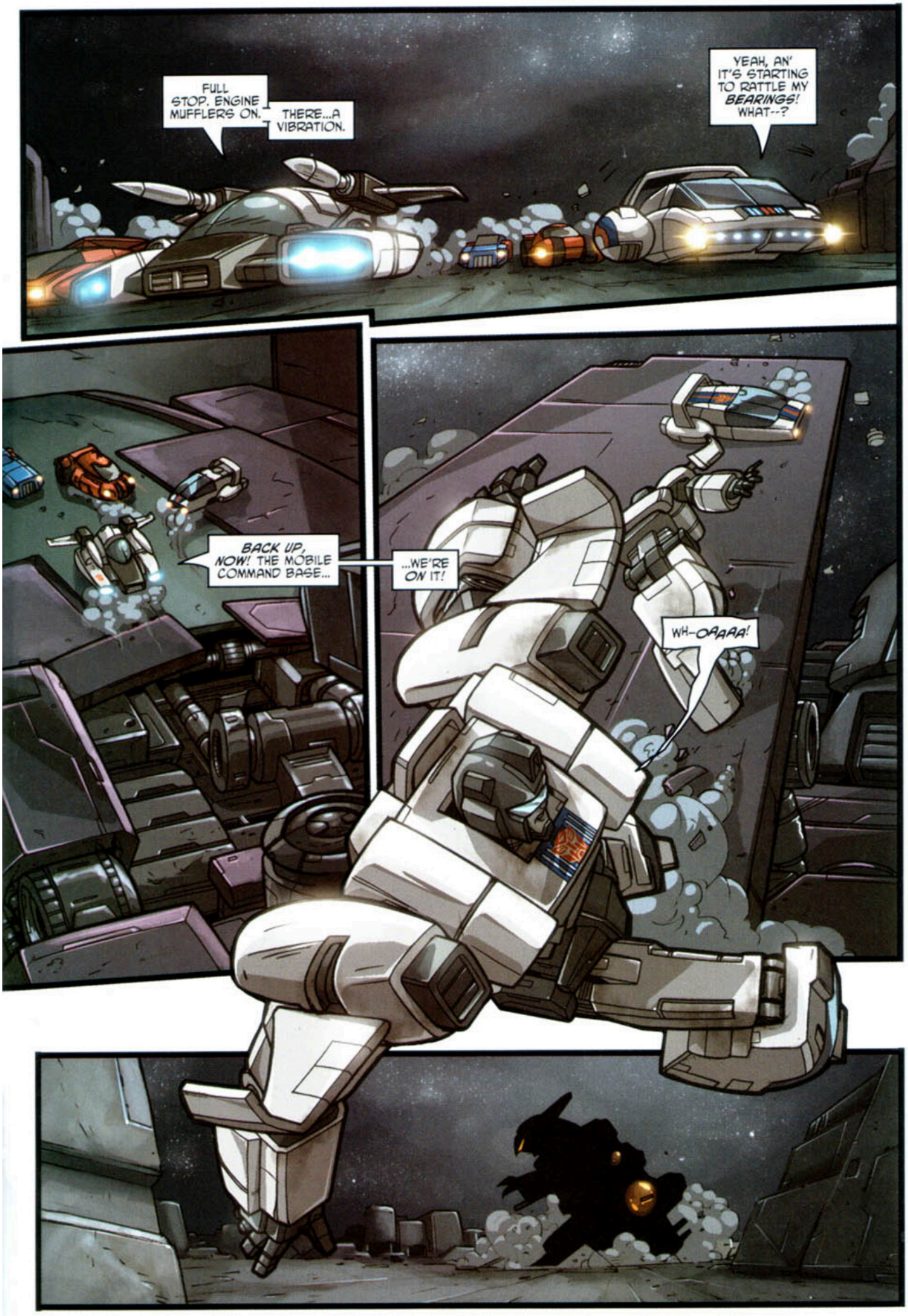

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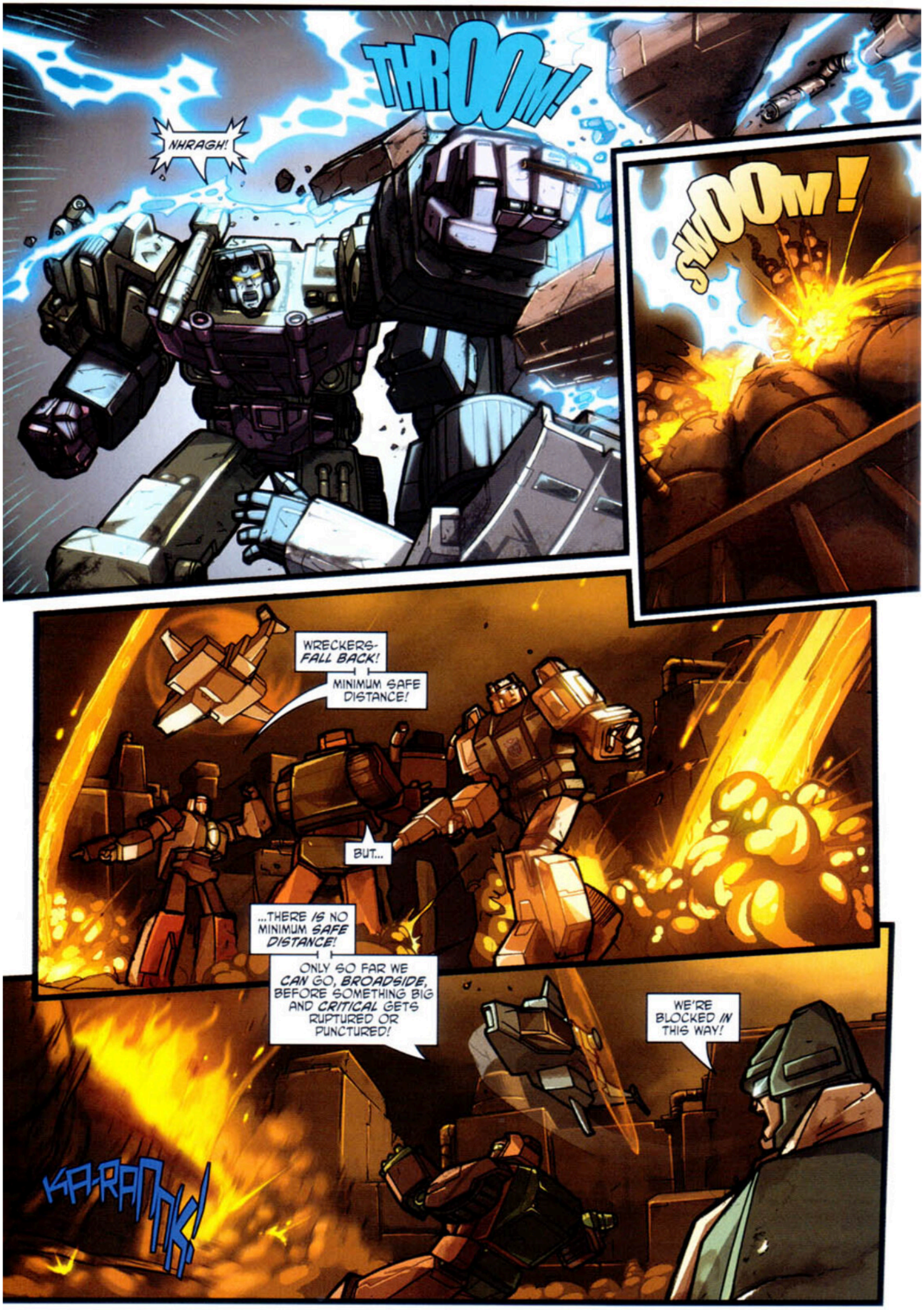

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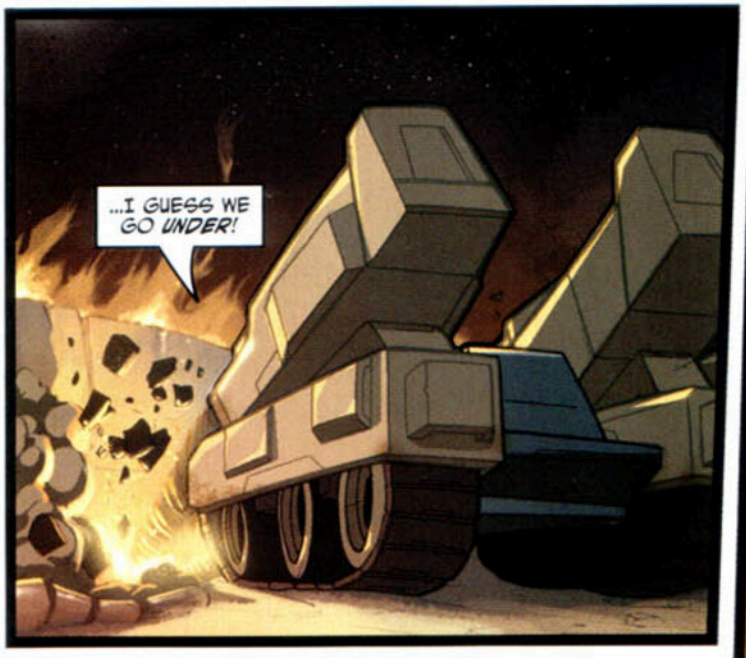

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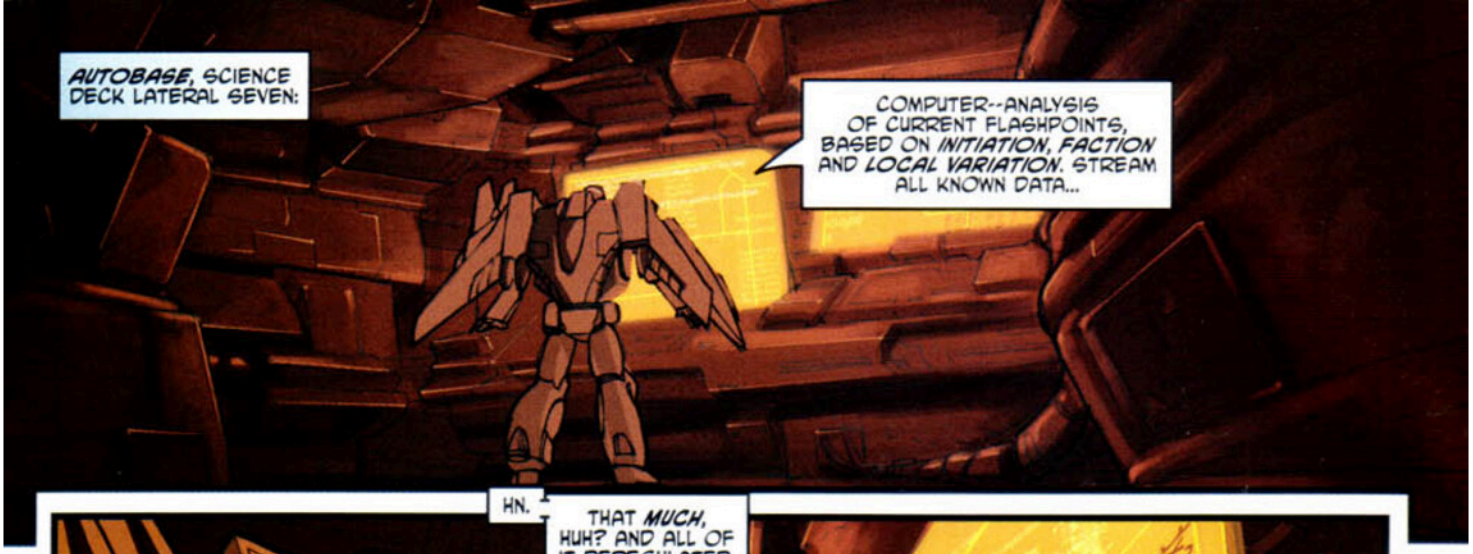

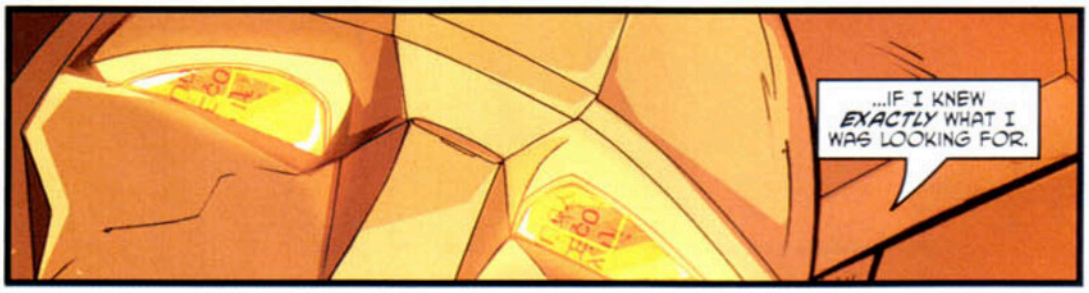

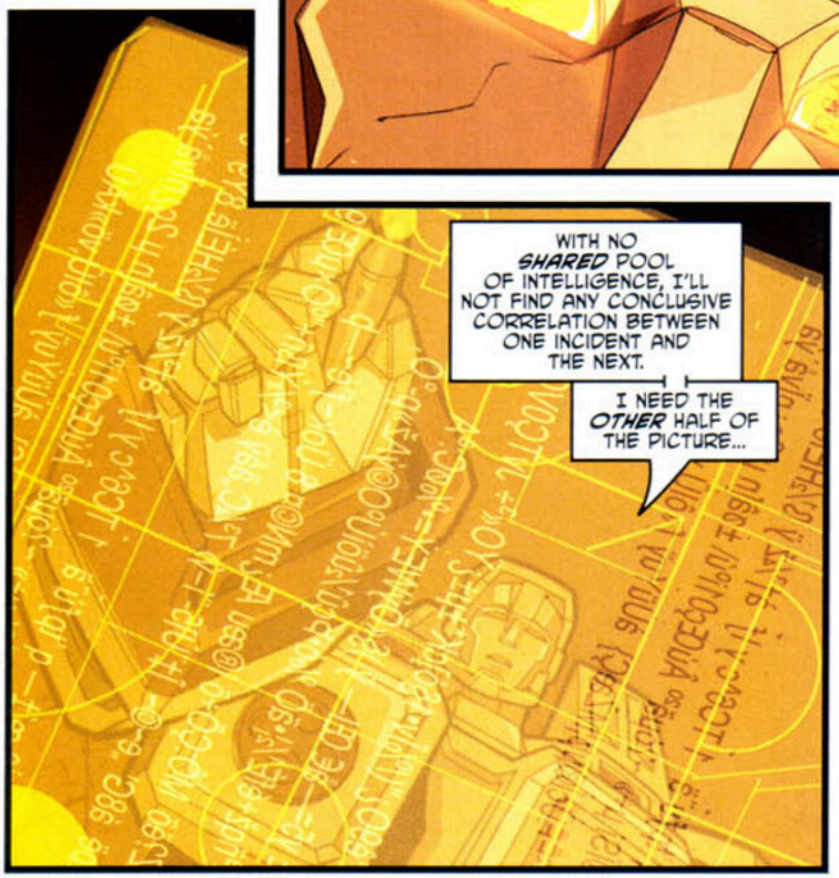

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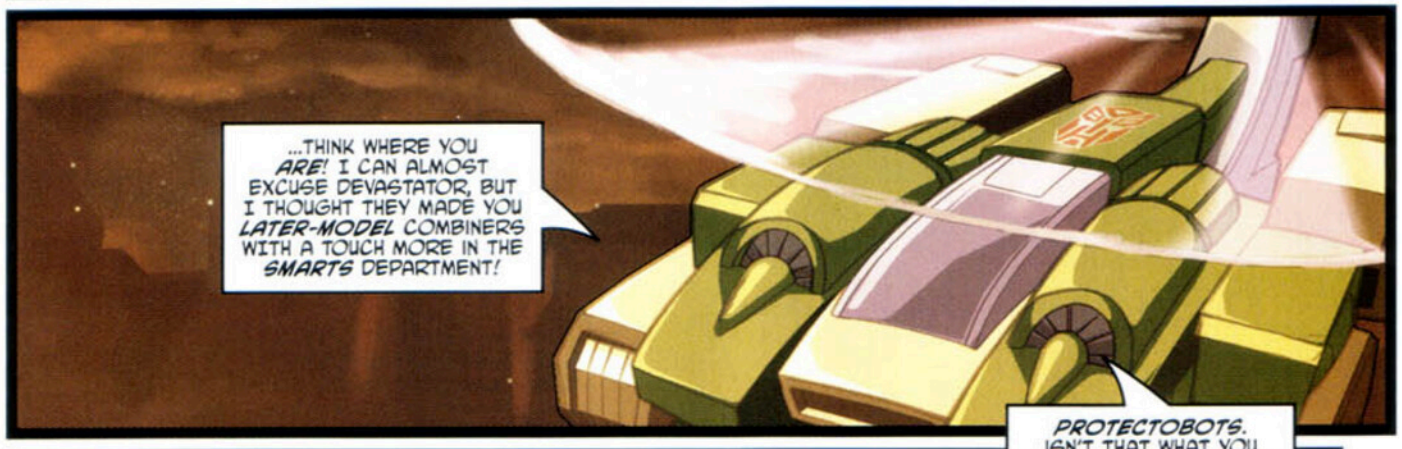

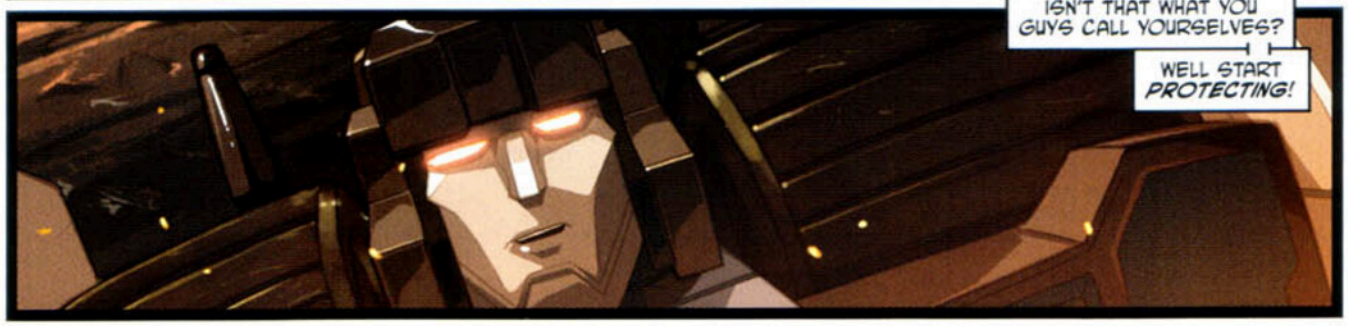

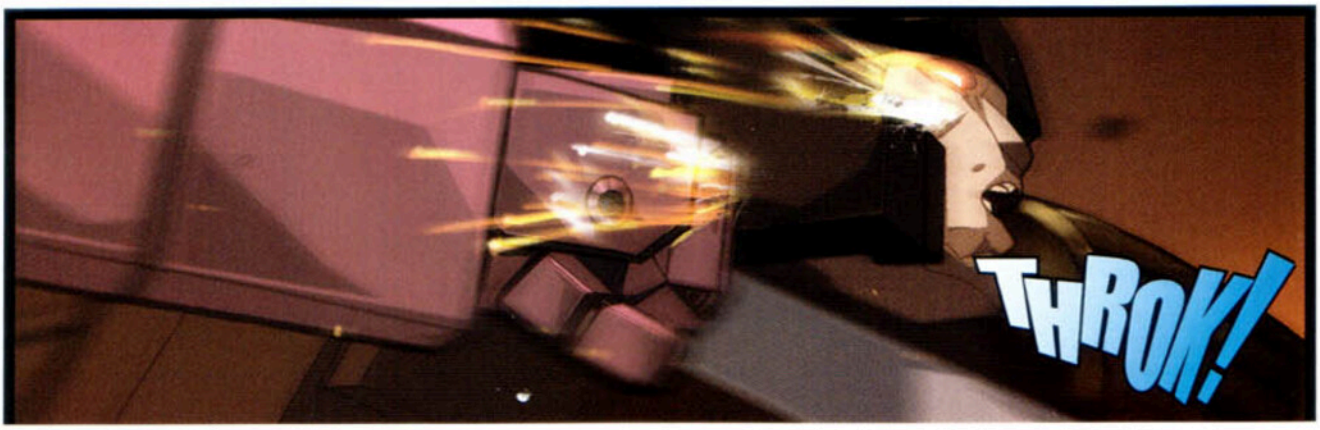

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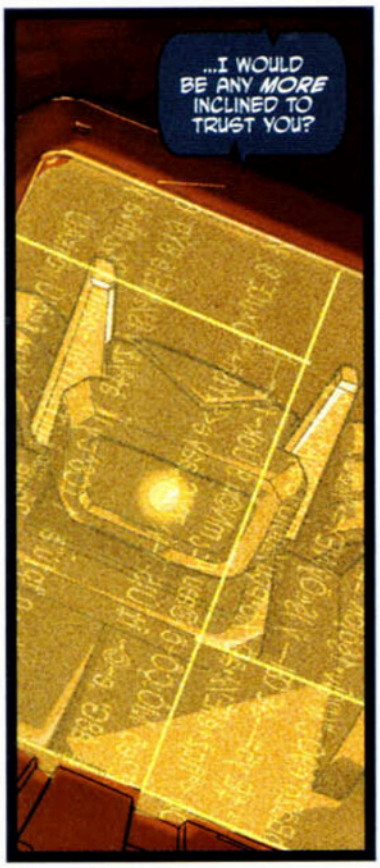

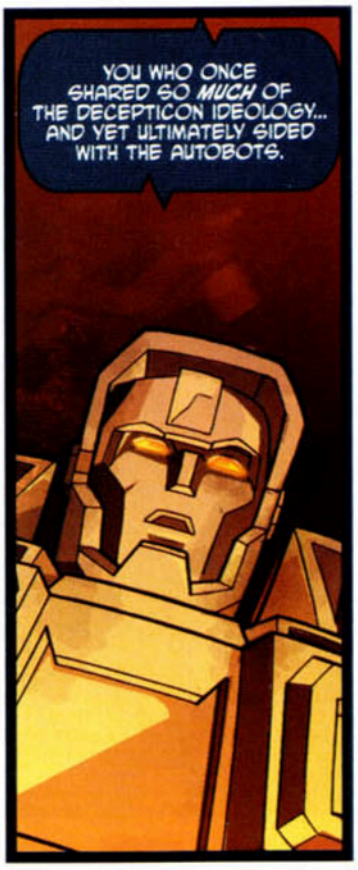

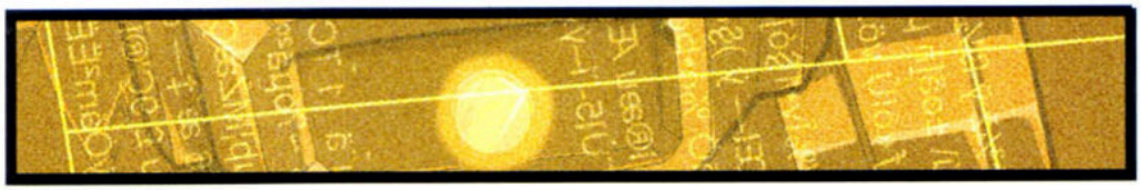

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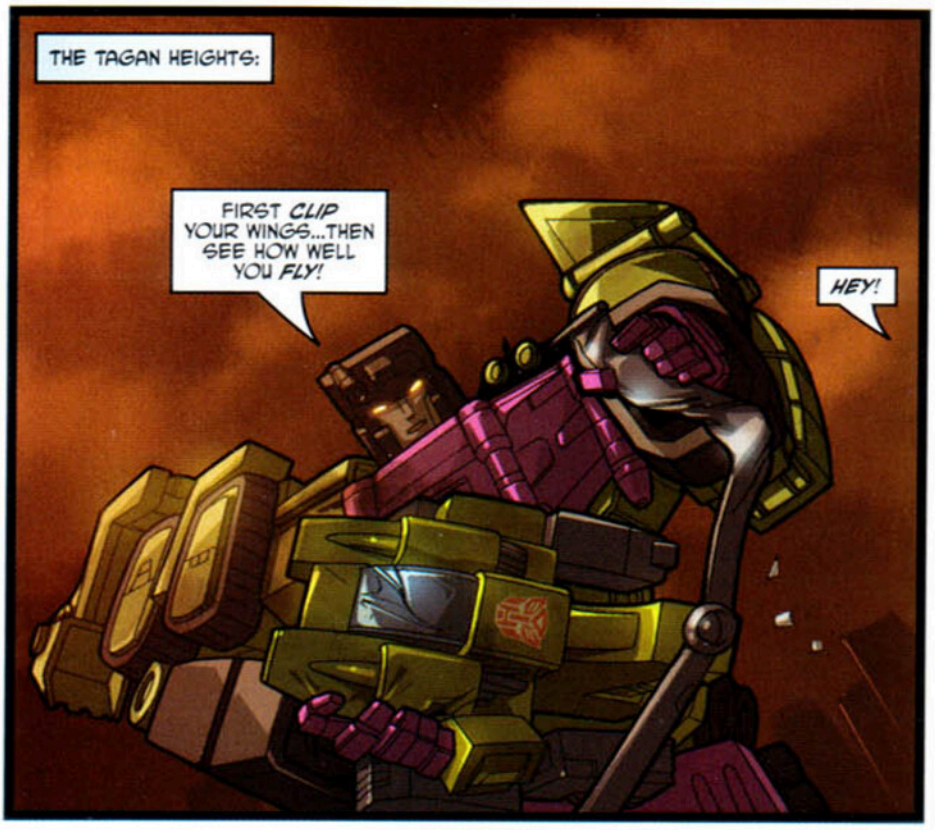

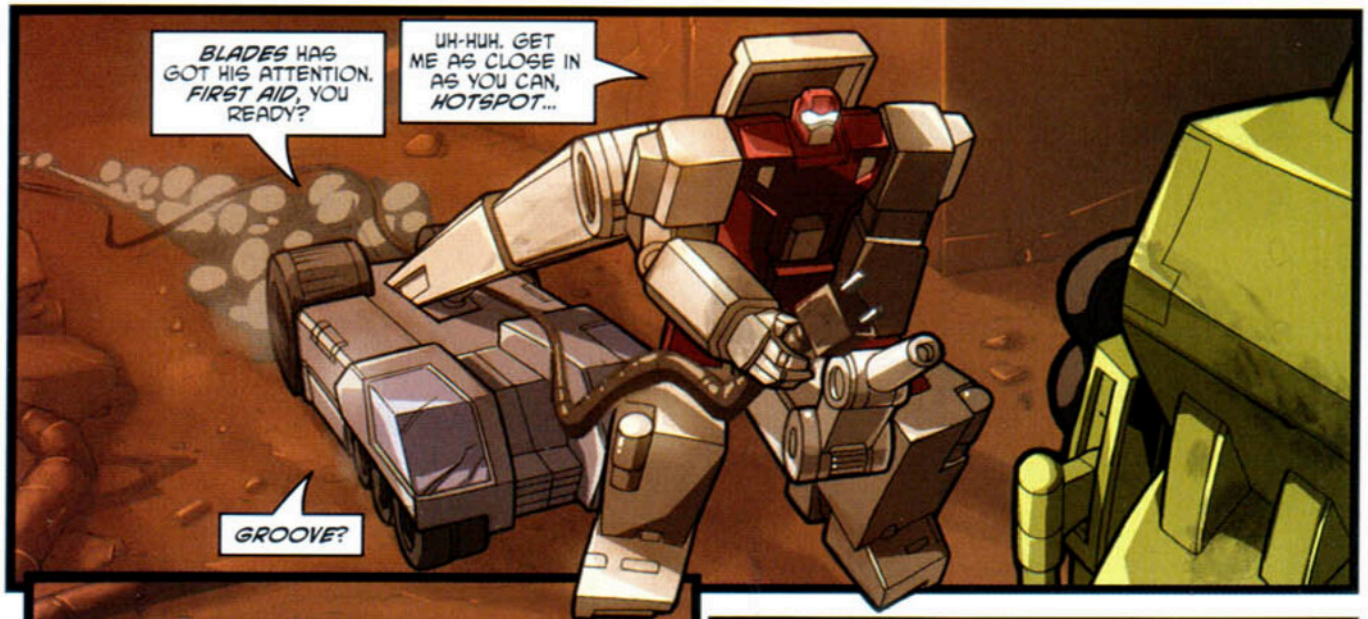

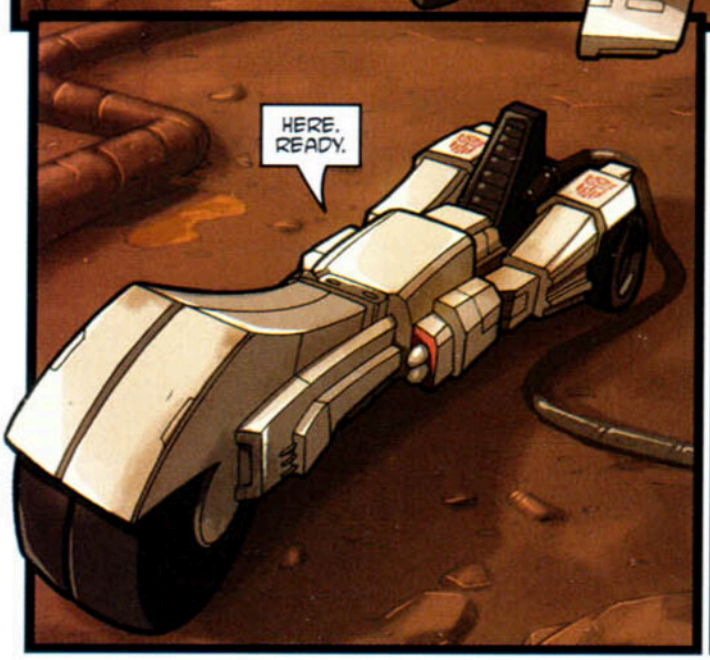

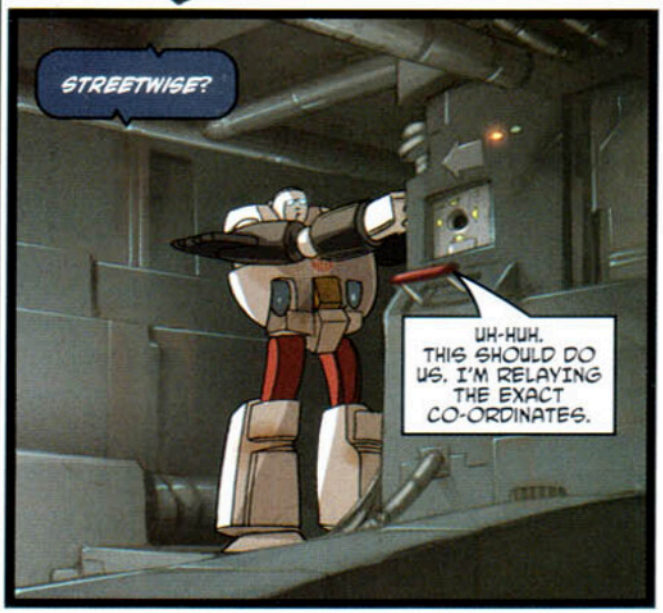

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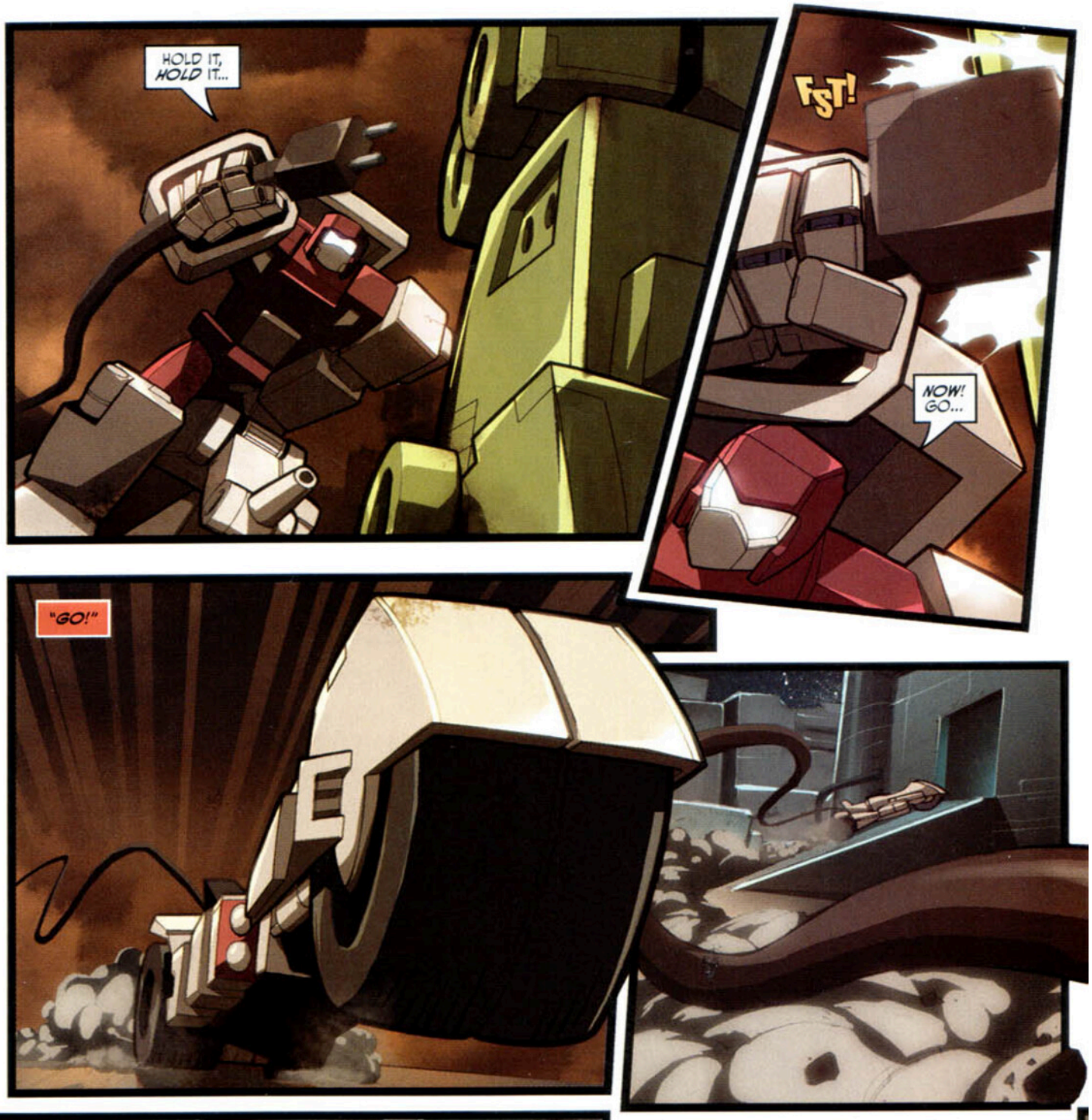

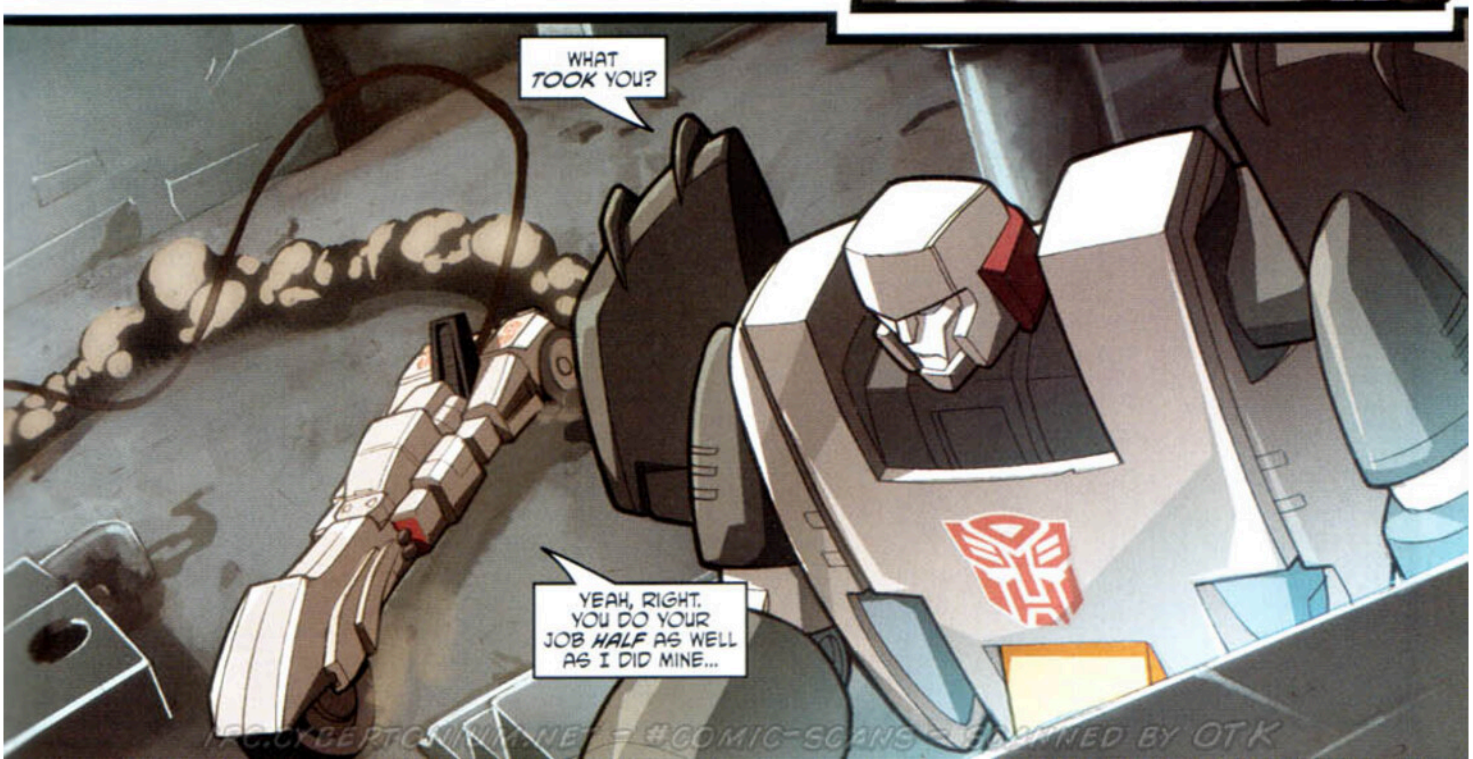

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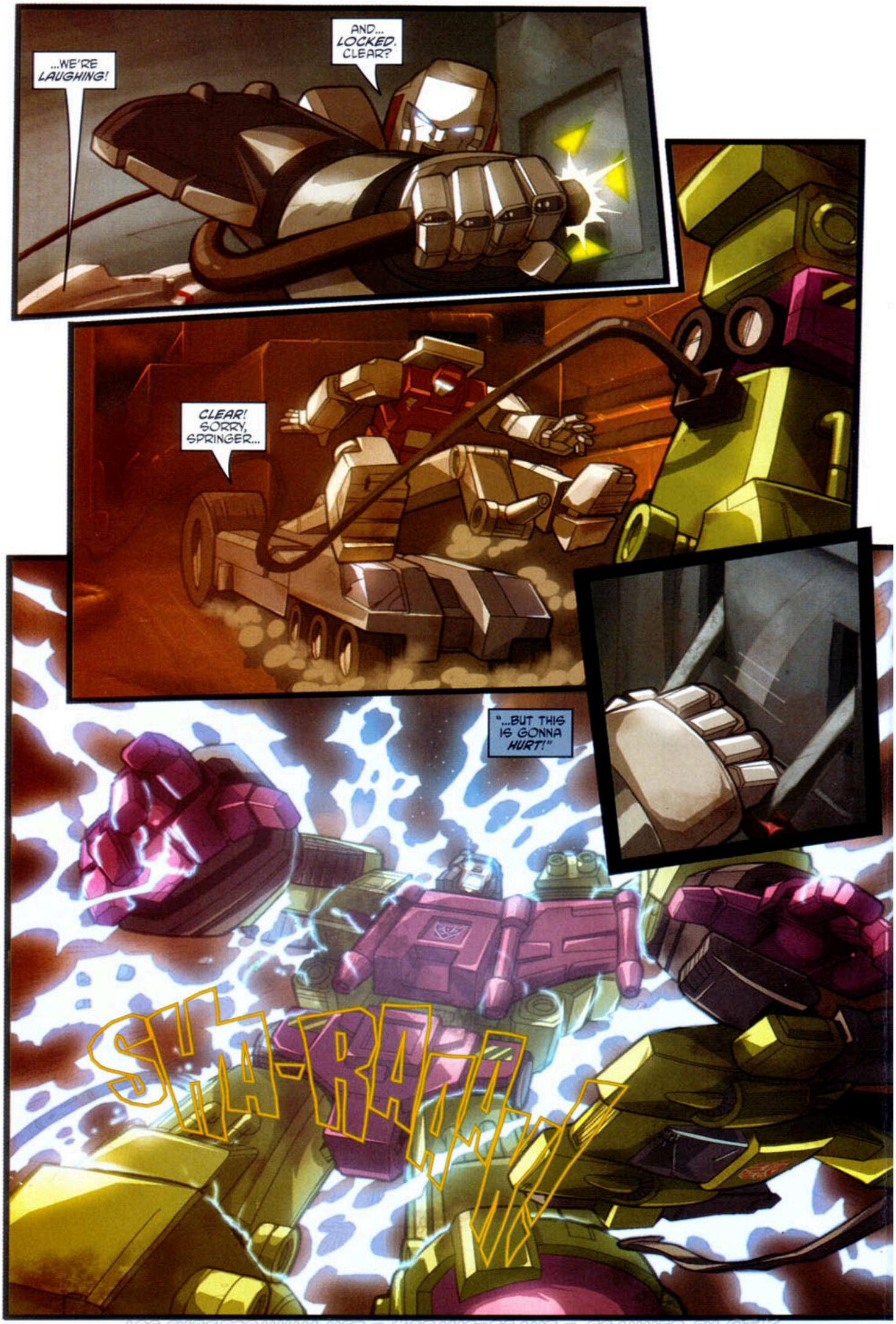

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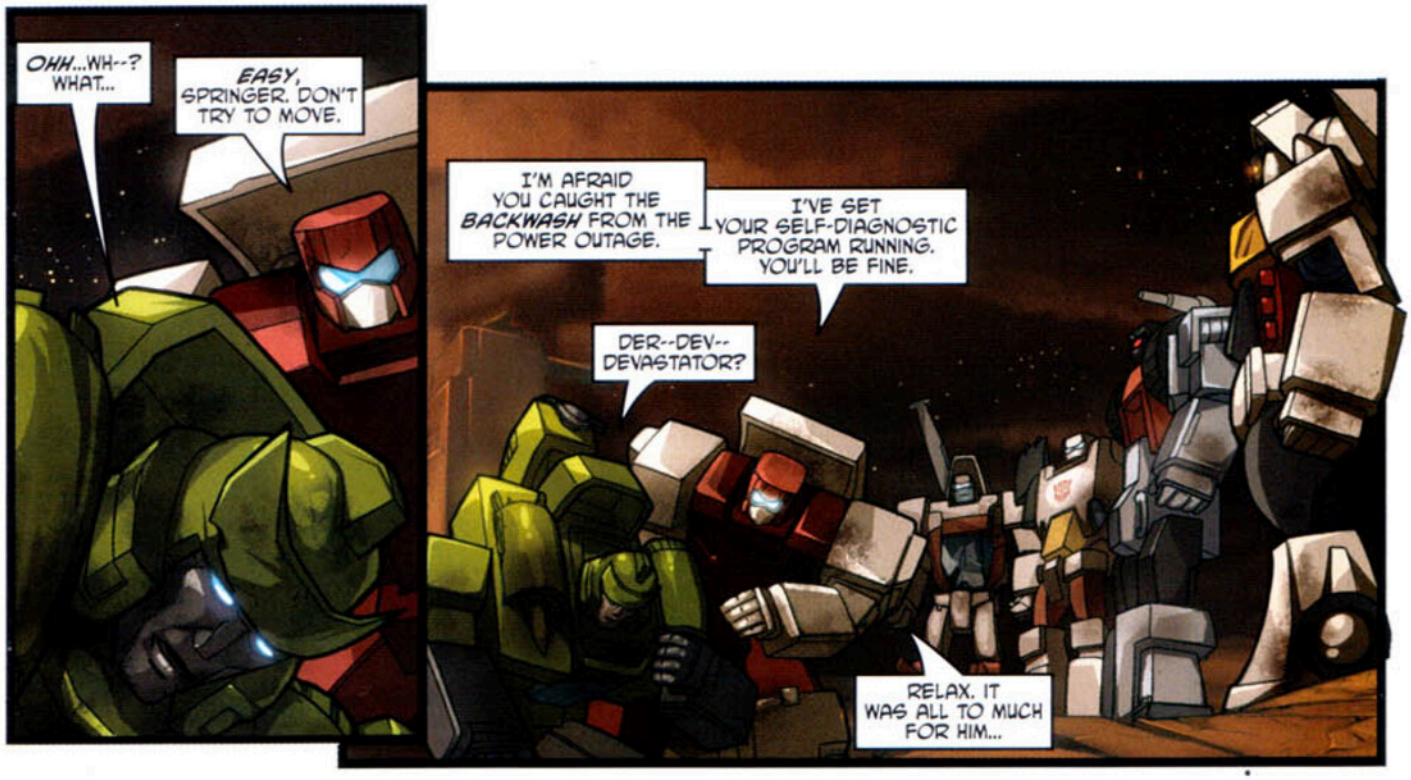

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FROM THE DESK OF... ALAN WANG

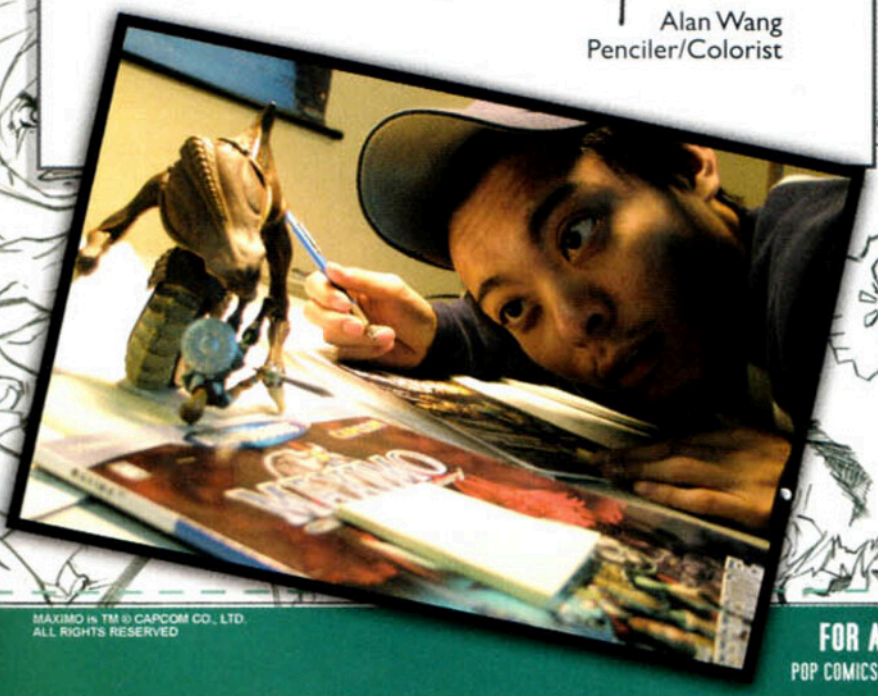
Novemeber 2003

As I sit here writing this at 2am in the morning, all I can think about is how I'm exactly two weeks behind with my Maximo pencils! It's been a grueling 1+ month long battle, I've become an even bigger hermit, and I think I should bathe/shave soon. People are starting to avoid me. All things aside, I'm VERY excited after all these years as a colorist to finally get a stab at penciling (and a Capcom title to boot! Whohoo!). When I first started three and a half years ago I never imagined it'd take me this long. So to say I'm pumped is an understatement, but with that said, this experience has been a humbling one. Newfound respect goes out to all the pencilers I've worked with in the past, I now feel your pain (Can I go back to coloring...? No! I'm kidding!). By the end of this week I'll be done pencils and cracking the tablet. That is, after I find out who stole my tablet pen and replaced it with this broken one…grr...

Ok, enough from me. I just want to lastly say how grateful I am to Pat & Roger for trusting me with this critical title, and give thanks to James McDonough & Maximo writer Beau Smith for their support. I hope I don't let anyone down. M'goi dailoh's!

Till next endeavor, hang tight and remember:
"Beauty is Only Sword Deep!!"

Alan Wang
Penciler/Colorist



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TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION ONE #0

Featuring art from two of the most popular TRANSFORMERS artists, this special issue promises even more TRANSFORMERS thrills, chills, and spills as well as revelations behind SHOCKWAVE, SCOURGE, and the most diabolical DECEPTICON of 'em all-the mighty MEGATRON!

by Brad Mick
Pat Lee
Don Figueroa

SPOTLIGHT

TRANSFORMERS ARMADA #18

If you thought the 'Worlds Collide' storyline shook things up, think again. Prepare for even more shocks, chaos and drama, as the saga of ARMADA concludes… yes, concludes… in this action-packed issue. Dark forces are gathering once more, ushering in the staggering, sweeping saga of TRANSFORMERS ENERGON!

by Simon Furman
& Guido Guidi

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DECLARATIONS OF WAR

We're pumped to answer some fan-mail this month, so let's get on with the letters!

Dear Dreamwave,
I just found out about your War Within sequel. I'm really excited about it and can't wait until it comes out. All of your Transformers comics are amazing in many ways, but The War Within series is by far my favorite. It really captures the image of the G1 characters and has many twists and turns. Most of all, I liked it because it was something different. Don't get me wrong-I love all the other Transformers comics, but this one is special. It's not like Armada or the G1 comics; in The War Within anything is possible. Meaning maybe the Autobots will lose the war, or maybe evil will never be defeated.
The War Within opened up a lot of ideas for me. Since the first volume ended, I have written several stories on the Transformers that I hope maybe one day can be turned into a comic book series. I just wanted everyone at Dreamwave to know that I like all the comic books they make, but that the War Within series is my favorite and I can't wait until the Dark Ages comes out this October. Thank you for all the hard work you guys do to produce a high-quality comic book. Bye!

Daniel Aubin
Connecticut, USA

Whew! Had to take a break from all this hard work to answer your letter, Daniel. It's a tough job, but it's worth it when we hear how much you're enjoying War Within's unique look at Cybertron's past. Of course, we like to think that all of the books have plenty of twists and turns (although WW holds a special place in our hearts too-but keep that under you hat). War Within is set in the past of our Generation One comic universe, so part of the thrill is in finding out how the characters and stories progress from WW to the present-day action you'll be seeing in the G1 ongoing!

And no War Within letter column would be complete without a letter (or two...or a million) like this:

Dear Dreamwave,
Are you going to put out sculptures or toys for this series? I hope so because the designs are better than most others coming out at the moment.

Griffin Lauerman

...And so it goes. This was only one letter of many, all asking the same thing. While we agree that the character designs in WW are the slag (to turn a Cybertronian phrase), there aren't currently any plans for them to appear in toy or statue form. Right now, Hasbro's making awesome stuff like the 20th Anniversary Optimus Prime, so we're not complaining too much!

Hello,
I was wondering if you had a tentative release schedule for this line of comics. I mean just how often you were planning on releasing it. I love the comic, the character designs, the dialogue-everything about it rocks.

Thanks,
David Casteel, Jr.

Here's the dilly on the War Within schedule: the current volume will be appearing monthly for its six-issue run, ending in March. Of course, you want to know our future plans too, right? Promise not to tell anyone? Okay-since there's a few million years between the era of WW and the time of G1, we figure we have a few million years worth of stories to tell. Expect to see a new War Within series every year for the foreseeable future!

Okay, that about wraps it up for now. Get ready for next issue, where we'll finally see the traumatic childhood accident that gave Starscream the screechy voice we all know and love. (Not really, but check out January's War Within: The Dark Ages #4 anyway!)

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